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SUBJ: UNCTAD: IPG CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL
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1. SUMMARY: GROUP OF 77, GROUP D AND CANZUS COUNTRIES
HAVE SUBMITTED SEPARATE PROPOSALS TO IPG. BRIEF GROUP D
PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE SECOND SESSION OF IPG WORK OUT PRE-
LIMINARY SET DRAFT ARTICLES. LENGTHY PROPOSAL OF 77
SETS OUT OBJECTIVES WHICH IMPLY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT
FOR LDCS. CANZUS PROPOSAL ON SEVEN CONCEPTS AS AGREED
TO IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

2. GROUP D PROPOSAL RECALLS RESULTUION 7 OF UN/IMCO
CONTAINER CONFERENCE AND ECOSOC 1734(LIV) AND RECOMMENDS
THAT (1) AT ITS SECOND SESSION, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
PREPARATORY GROUP SHOULD WORK OUT PRELIMINARY SET OF
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DRAFT ARTICLES RELATING TO SCOPE OF CONVENTION, DEFI-

NITIONS, REGIME OF LIABILITY OF CARRIER, NATURE OF DOCUMENT TO BE ISSUED AND OTHER TECHNICAL QUESTIONS; (2) FOR PURPOSE OF PREPARING DRAFT MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1, ALTERNATIVE VERSIONS OF CORRESPONDING ARTICLES SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BY THE SECRETARIAT ON BASIS OF RESULTS OF STUDY OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS; (3) AT ITS THIRD SESSION, IPG ON BASIS OF RESULTS OF STUDY OF ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF CONVENTION ON INTERMODAL TRANSPORT, SHOULD AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ABOVE-MENTIONED DRAFT AS APPROPRIATE, TAKING LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INTO ACCOUNT.

3. GROUP OF 77 PROPOSAL WHICH WAS BASED ON A LATIN AMERICAN PAPER AND WHICH INCLUDES YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA AMONG ITS SPONSORS IS SIMILAR TO GROUP B PROPOSAL (SELVIG PAPER) WITH RESPECT TO DOCUMENTATION AND LIABILITY SECTIONS. HOWEVER, INTRODUCTION TO PAPER ALSO LISTS SIX OBJECTIVES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORT. OBJECTIVES ARE (A) SIMPLIFICATION OF DOCUMENTATION AND PROCEDURES, AND REDUCTION OF PRESENT UNCERTAINTIES IN INTERMODAL TRANSPORT; (B) ECONOMIC ABILITY OF INSTITUTIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ENTER INTO OR PARTICIPATE IN COMBINED TRANSPORT OPERATIONS; (C) ASSURANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN PROVISION OF TRANSPORT, INSURANCE AND OTHER SERVICES BY THEIR EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS, CONSISTENT WITH UNCTAD RESOLUTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT; (D) ABILITY OF EACH DEVELOPING COUNTRY TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMERCIAL GOALS; (E) THAT ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF MEASURES TAKEN ARE AT LEAST COMMENSURATE TO COSTS TO USERS; (F) SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES.

4. CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, U.S. (CANZUS) CONCEPTS PAPER INTRODUCED BY CANADA (BURBRIDGE) IN LENGTHY AND DETAILED INTERVENTION. ALL FOUR PROPOSALS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY ON THURSDAY. SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK, GREECE SUPPORTED INTRODUCTION AT THIS TIME OF CANZUS PAPER AND THE NETHERLANDS, UK, FRANCE, BELGIUM, FRG, AND SWITZERLAND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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